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THREATENED TO DISMANTLE VESSEL.

The case of the Harmony of the Atlantic Maritime Company's fleet which was recently seized and fined at Harbor Breton, N. F., reached a sensational stage last evening, when a telegram from Capt. Christopher Gibbs was received stating that if the money for the payment of the fines aggregating \$1200 was not forthcoming by noon of today, the craft would be dismantled and the crew sent home. He advised sending the money at once.

As stated in the Times yesterday, the money for the payment of the fines was sent yesterday by telegraph to Minister Piccott of the marine and fisheries department, at St. John's, and a telegram was also sent to Capt. Gibbs at the same time notifying him of the fact that the money had been sent and to whom it was sent.

It seems evident from Capt. Gibbs' telegram of last evening that he either had not received the message sent him in the morning or else that the authorities at Harbor Breton had not been notified from St. John's that the money had been received there.

It seems proper that the money for the fines should have been sent as it was, to the marine and fisheries department, and it is inconceivable that the Newfoundland authorities would dismantle the craft and send her crew home because the fine had not been paid in four days after the trial, especially when the sentence was that if the fine was not paid in 30 days the craft would be confiscated.

There is nothing to be found in the Newfoundland law or in common sense

either which will back up the Newfoundland authorities in such a move as is indicated in Capt. Gibbs' telegram, and had it actually come to pass that the craft was dismantled by the Newfoundland authorities and her crew sent home, while the money for the fine was at the headquarters of the marine and fisheries at St. John's, there would have been a good deal more to the Harmony case than at present appears on the surface.

Evidently word was later sent to the authorities at Harbor Breton that the money had been sent to St. John's, for this noon Capt. Carl C. Young, assistant manager of the fleet to which the Harmony belongs, received the following message from Hon. A. W. Piccott, minister of marine and fisheries at Newfoundland:

"Sch. Harmony has been released. Sorry this should happen."

It is evident from the minister's telegram that somebody at Harbor Breton was trying to "throw a scare" into Capt. Gibbs in hopes of hurrying up the fine.

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NEW VESSEL LAUNCHED.

Sch. Laverna Will Be Towed to This Port to Be Rigged.

The new sch. Laverna was successfully launched from Tarr & James' shipyard at Essex at high water Saturday. The launch was a very pretty one and was witnessed by a large crowd, among them her owner, Capt. Albert Larkin of this city, and several of his crew who will go with him in the new craft.

The vessel will be towed here and immediately rigged and sparred and then fitted for shacking.

Capt. Larkin is one of the brightest and most successful young men going master today in the fishing fleet and has brought himself to the front and ownership of his own craft by steady application to his chosen calling and the exercise of good judgment.

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Baited at Miquelon.

Schs. Helen G. Wells, Theodore Roosevelt and others baited with capelin at Miquelon recently.

Squid at North Truro.

A. Hughes of North Truro wires the Times that there is plenty of squid in the weirs there today.

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APPEAL TO SECRETARY OF NAVY.

Master Mariners Ask Transfer of Location of Gun Practice.

Experiments Show That Mackerel Are Frightened by Heavy Reports

In line with the item in Friday's Times and the editorial in Saturday's issue regarding the target practise and big gun firing of battleships frightening mackerel away from their regular haunts, the Master Mariners Association has taken action, and as a result of a meeting the following strong and appealing letter has been sent to Congressman Gardner, with the request to lay the matter before the secretary of the navy:

Gloucester, Mass., July 8, 1911.
Hon. A. P. Gardner, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:—The Master Mariners' Association of Gloucester, Mass., most earnestly requests that you present to the honorable secretary of the navy its petition that the naval vessels refrain from target and other practice (which necessitates the

firing of guns) on the waters of the Atlantic north of Nantucket island.

The mackerel fisheries bid fair to give better results this season, if not interrupted by the firing of guns. Our claim, that the sound and vibration caused by the firing of guns does frighten the mackerel, is not subject to successful contradiction. Experience obtained by experiment has proven conclusively our contention.

The matter is vital. The possibility of securing good fares of mackerel this season is particularly important, as the industry has not been as successful recently as heretofore. It equally means dollars to us and to our families; dollars enough to give our wives and children proper nourishment and reasonable raiment.

We do not expect nor do we ask for luxuries, but we do pray that the necessities of life be not taken from us.

Very respectfully,
GLOUCESTER MASTER MARINERS' ASSOCIATION.

James H. Stapleton, Secretary.

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Rockport.

Victor Sampson landed a big cod one day last week. It tipped the beam at 101 pounds.

There have been some handsome cod landed here this year, many of them large ones, but none have reached that extraordinary weight.

About four years ago there was one landed here that weighed 106 pounds, and about the same time two brothers landed a couple weighing 96 and 97 pounds.

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BAIT SCARCITY BOTHERS BANKERS

BUT LATE REPORTS SHOW THAT
CONDITIONS ARE IMPROVING.

Capt. Fred A. Morrissey of the salt banking sch. Hazel R. Hines confirms the news of the short catch to date of the trawl bankers and shackers. The captain says that a week ago Wednesday there were over 30 sail of American vessels lying off Miquelon beach, waiting for capelin and no capelin there. Many of them had been searching in vain for bait for the past three, four and five weeks. The captain had spoken many of the vessels and heard from about all the others and did not hesitate to give it as his opinion that to date the salt trawl bank and shack fleet is the poorest fished it has been for years.

There is no question but what the fleet is poorly fished to date and by the fair use of capelin to strike in early at Miquelon and the early playing out of herring at the Magdalen

islands has been seriously handicapped and lost valuable time which will be very hard to make up, and will leave its marks in the shape of a dent on the season's catch.

Just at present, however, things look some brighter in the bait line, for telegrams received by two of the large concerns Saturday state that some of their vessels had just baited with capelin at Miquelon and that these bait fish are now plentiful there. There has also been bait at Lockeport and Lower East Pubnico, several shackers baiting at the former place and this morning the Times received the cheering news from D. C. Mulhall of Liverpool, N. S., stating that all the traps in that vicinity are full of nice herring for baiting purposes.

The striking in of herring on this part of the Cape Shore generally means that there will be plenty of bait in that vicinity for three weeks at least.

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FISH PLENTIFUL AT T WHARF.

HADDOCK LOW BUT FAIR PRICES
PAID FOR OTHER KINDS
OF FISH.

T wharf, Boston, has 33 arrivals this morning, among them six crafts with mackerel, six with swordfish, seven of the fresh drifters with all codfish, also the steam trawler Ripple. All the rest are market boats, the most of them with fine lots of haddock, which are meeting with very slow sale, a few being taken out at \$1.50 and the rest being evidently tagged for the splitters. Codfish are all right at \$3.25 to \$4 for large, but market cod at \$2 to \$2.50 is not so satisfactory.

The swordfish trips run from 10 to 109 fish, sch. Lillian having the latter amount, the total for the fleet being 369 fish, so the nine cents per pound for the fish admits of no kick.

Of the mackerel craft, four are of the regular seining fleet, steamer Bessie M. Dugan, schs. Monarch, Victor and Stiletto, with from 5500 to 6000 fish each, taken off Chatham, while steamer Philomena, from off Highland light brings 6000 tinkers of good size and the netter W. H. Clement has 175 large fish. Prices are good, the large fish selling at 22 and 22 1-2 cents each, the mediums from 15 to 17 and tinkers at 9 cents.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Sch. Anne and Jennie, 6500 cod, 5000 pollock, 1500 halibut.

Sch. Flavilla, 300 haddock, 32,000 cod.

Sch. Thomas Brundage, 20,000 cod.

Sch. E. C. Hussey, 23,000 cod, 4000 pollock.

Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, 7000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Stiletto, 550 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Monarch, 6000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Victor, 7000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. W. H. Clements, 175 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Philomena, 6000 fresh tinker mackerel.

Sch. Georgianna, 65,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Sch. John J. Fallon, 35,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 18,000 hake.

Sch. Robert and Arthur, 48,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, 35,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Edith Silveira, 40,000 haddock, 1800 cod, 3500 hake.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie, 40,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 3500 hake.

Sch. Jessie Costa, 35,000 haddock, 14,000 cod.

Sch. Emilia Ehos, 30,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Nettie Franklin, 26,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Matchless, 10,000 haddock, 11,000 cod.

Sch. Louise R. Sylva, 18,000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Mina Swim, 27,000 cod.

Sch. Juniata, 12,000 cod.

Sch. Viking, 19,000 cod.

Sch. Speculator, 18,000 cod.

Sch. Klondike, 1700 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Ripple, 41,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Jennie H. Gilbert, 61 swordfish.

Sch. Sabine, 43 swordfish.

Sch. Lillian, 109 swordfish.

Sch. Freedom, 10 swordfish.

Sch. Mettacomet, 105 swordfish.

Sch. A. P. Parkhurst, 41 swordfish.

Haddock, \$1.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.25 to \$4; market cod, \$2 to \$2.50; hake, \$1 to \$2.50; pollock, \$3.50 to \$4; halibut, 6 to 8; swordfish, 9 cts. per lb.; large fresh mackerel, 22 and 22 1-2 cts. each, medium, 15 and 17 cts., tinkers 9 cts.; market very dull on haddock, considerable unsold.

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Trawl Bank Cod Sale.

The fare of salt trawl bank cod of sch. Hazel R. Hines sold to Sylvanus Smith & Co., and George Perkins & Son at \$4.12½ per hundred weight for large, \$3.62½ for mediums and \$2.75 for snappers, this being the same as last previous sales.

Making Ready for Shacking.

Capt. John Robbins is getting sch. Metamora ready again for shacking, the damage caused by carrying away her mainmast having been repaired at this port.

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SCH. ANNIE M. PARKER ARRIVES

ONE OF THE FEW SALT BANK TRAWLERS WHICH WERE WELL FISHED.

Sch. Annie M. Parker, Capt. Hiram Forbes, arrived at this port this morning from a salt bank trip, with 260,000 pounds of salt cod, being one of the few vessels of the fleet to be pretty well fished. Capt. Hines was fortunate in getting three Magdalen baitings and did well on all of them.

Sch. Ralph Russell, from Georges drifting, has a fine catch of 40,000 pounds of salt cod and sch. Waldo L. Stream, from Georges halibuting, brings 20,000 pounds of halibut and 10,000 pounds of fresh fish.

Sch. Susan and Mary of the fresh and salt shack fleet is home with 50,000 pounds of salt cod. She has been unable to get any bait to the eastward.

Sch. Jeanette of the market fleet, brings 50,000 pounds of fresh fish for the splitters.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. Susan and Mary, cod shacking, 50,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Ralph Russel, Georges, drifting, 40,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Waldo L. Stream, Georges, 20,000 lbs. halibut, 10,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, seining, Steamer Yankee, Ipswich Bay, 50 bbls. old England hake.
- Heath's trap, 15 bbls. bluebacks.
- Sch. Annie M. Parker, salt banking, 260,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Jeanette, South Channel, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Hurricane, seining.
- Sch. W. E. Morrissey, pollock seining.

Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Virginia, shacking.
- Sch. Matthew S. Greer, fresh and salt shacking.
- Sch. Cavalier, halibuting.
- Sch. Rhodora, halibuting.
- Sch. Monitor, halibuting.
- Sch. Norma, dory handlining.
- Sch. Lafayette, swordfishing.
- Sch. Rita A. Viator, swordfishing.
- Sch. Hortense, haddocking.
- Sch. Evelyn L. Thompson, shacking.
- Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, haddocking.
- Sch. Jeanette, shacking.
- Sch. Thalia, Georges, drifting.
- Sch. Slade Gorton, seining.
- Sch. Arthur James, seining.
- Sch. Annie and Jennie, Boston.
- Sch. Flirt, dory handlining.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

- Salt Cape Shore mackerel \$13 per bbl.
- Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.12 1-2 per cwt. for large, \$3.62 1-2 for mediums and \$2.75 for snappers.
- Handline Georges codfish, large \$4.87½, medium \$4.37½, snappers \$3.
- Salt "Drift" codfish, large, \$4.62½, medium \$4.25.
- Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.12½, medium \$3.62½.
- Haddock, \$2.00.
- Pollock, \$1.75.
- Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.
- Hake, \$1.75.
- Eastern shack trip cod, \$4.12½ for large and \$3.62½ for medium.
- All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above prices.

Fresh Fish.

- Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.
- Large cod, \$2.40 per cwt.; medium, \$1.85 per cwt.
- Peak and Western bank fresh codfish, \$2.20 per cwt. for large and \$1.75 for mediums.
- Cusk, large, \$1.75; mediums, \$1.25; Hake, \$1.
- Dressed pollock, 90 cts., round, 80 cts.
- Bank halibut, 7 cts. per lb. for white and 5 cts. for gray.
- Fresh "drift" codfish, large, \$2.60 per cwt.; mediums, \$2.05.
- Cape North cod, \$2.20 for large and \$1.75 for mediums.
- Fresh large mackerel 15c and 17c each; small 4c each.

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GOOD MACKEREL OUTLOOK SOUTH

SEVEN SEINERS SECURED HAULS AND LANDED FARES THIS MORNING.

That there is a pretty good look of mackerel at present out around Round Shoal and Cape Cod way is evidenced this morning by the arrivals of five seiners at T wharf, Boston, with fair catches and two of the seining fleet at Provincetown with small hauls.

Seiners at Boston.

- At Boston are:
- Sch. Victor Capt. John W. McFarland, 7000 fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Monarch, Capt. John Matheson, 6000 fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Stiletto, Capt. Lewis Garritt, 5500 fresh mackerel.
- Str. Bessie M. Dugan, Capt. John F. Vautier, 7000 fresh mackerel.
- Steamer Philomena, Capt. M. D. McKown, 6000 fresh tinker mackerel.

Seiners at Provincetown.

- At Provincetown are:
- Sch. Saladin, Capt. Wallace Parsons, 1500 fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Veda M. McKown, Capt. Norman A. Ross, 2000 fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, Capt. Joshua W. Stanley, which arrived here this morning, landed 1200 fresh mackerel at Provincetown, Friday, getting 26 cents each for them.

This morning the crafts at Boston are selling at 22 and 22 1-2 cts. for large, 15 to 17 cents for mediums and 9 cents for tinkers.

At Provincetown this morning the price is 21 cents for large and 12 cents for mediums.

The steamer Philomena is reported to have got her haul of good sized tinkers off Highland light, while the other crafts got their fish all the way from the lightship on Great Round Shoal up to the ship on Pollock Rip Slue.

Fish are reported all over the ground in fair quantities and not large schools and also all the way into Orleans.

The fish are chasing live feed and are chock full of it and in this hot weather do not stand up too long. The schools are very wild and it is almost useless to set at them unless they are lying still, for they dodge the seines with ease.

Capt. Stanley seems to think there is a fair look out that way and is of the opinion that somebody is going to get a big haul before long, when things work just right.

There are no reports of fish down east or on Georges, yet although many think they will be found on the latter grounds before long, while others feel that the Bay of Fundy ought to be producing some mackerel news soon.

Mackerel Imports.

The imports of new salt mackerel at Boston thus far this season are 589 barrels, against 4068 barrels to date in 1910, 1046 barrels to date in 1909 and 5743 barrels to date in 1908. The catch of fresh mackerel to date is 27,254 barrels against 16,971 barrels to date in 1910, 33,826 barrels in 1909 and 34,020 barrels in 1908.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

- Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell was at Canso, N. S., on Tuesday.
- Schs. Massachusetts and Cynthia sailed from Canso, N. S., on Thursday.
- Sch. Sadie M. Nunan was at Shelburne, N. S., on Friday for a new mainsail.
- Sch. Lillian was at Liverpool, N. S., on Friday.
- Sch. Jubilee was at Port Hawkesbury, C. B., on Friday.

Not One of Atlantic Maritime Co's Fleet.

The statement in the Times of Saturday that sch. Harmony, recently seized at Newfoundland and released on payment of fines aggregating \$1200, was one of the fleet of the Atlantic Maritime Company was incorrect. The craft is not and never has been owned by the Atlantic Maritime Company.

Halibut Sales.

Halibut took a nice little raise this morning, the fares of schs. Selma and Waldo L. Stream bringing 7 cents per pound for white and 5 cents for gray, the former going to the American Halibut Co. and the latter to the New England Fish Co.

PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

Coastwise Arrivals.

Sch. Eastern Light, Jonesport, Me. Barge R. R. Co. No. 4, Boston for Rockland.

Maine Fishermen Looking for Bluebacks.

With large herring more numerous than ever, shad schooling in great numbers off the coast and pollock all out of the way, the fishermen on the Maine coast are wondering just where the bluebacks can be. According to their calculations, these fish, which are like over-grown herring should have put in an appearance a fortnight ago. But they have not come.

A few bluebacks have been caught, but they were so thin and poor that they were pronounced practically worthless. Good bluebacks are needed for bait and needed badly. According to those familiar with the situation, the fish should begin to run right off; if they do not, then there will be a scarcity of bait at Portland in the fall.

Swordfish Had Stamp on Fin.

Sch. Mettacomet, which arrived at Boston this morning, has among her fare a curiosity in the shape of a swordfish which has been previously caught and then released, but not before the one caught him had imprinted on one of its fins a stamp, which unfortunately is not wholly decipherable.

The stamp is about the size of a silver dollar. The impression generally is a good one, but some of the letters cannot be made out. Those who examined the fish are of the impression the stamp is a foreign one. The letters "Earl" can be made out and also the numerals "19" in the center, evidently part of the date, are also very plain.

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Portland Fish Notes.

There was not one of the regular Portland fishing fleet in Portland on Saturday. The majority of them have gone south after swordfish, though a few are engaged in off shore fishing.

Shad have again fallen off a little for all there were landed here Friday were 50 barrels brought in by the sloop Nellie G.

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MACKEREL ON THE MAINE COAST

Crew of Sch. J. W.

Cooper Report Large

Rafts Off Machias.

Some of the Men

Caught Fish by Hook

and Line.

Mackerel everywhere, forward, aft and on all sides, of the craft, was the spectacle which the crew of the lumber laden sch. J. W. Cooper of St. John's, N. B., witnessed last Saturday while off the Maine coast, proceeding this way.

The Cooper was coming along slowly, and when near Little River, Machias ran into a school of fish. They were mackerel beyond question, and seemed to be schooling everywhere. The fish were well up in the water and one of the crew succeeded in landing one with a hook and line.

The craft tied up at Nauss' lumber wharf this morning, and the captain told of the large pods of fish seen.

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AMBERGRIS VALUED AT \$150,000.

A piece of ambergris said to be worth \$150,000 was taken from a whale killed recently by the whaler Petriana, which arrived at Victoria, B. C. The ambergris is said to be one of the largest pieces ever found.

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SIXTEEN CRAFTS AT T WHARF.

FIVE VESSELS HAD SWORDFISH AND ONE SEINER HAD 8000 MACKEREL.

At T wharf this morning were 16 arrivals, five of the crafts having swordfish and one having 8000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Motor has 118 swordfish, sch. Mabel Bryson 115, while schs. Eva and Mildred and Nokomis also have good trips. The fish are bringing seven cents a pound, a drop of two cents under yesterday's market.

The fare of sch. Diana consists of 8000 large mackerel which brought 23 cents each.

Several of the off shore crafts have fair sized trips mostly haddock.

Albicare are showing big just now off the Nova Scotian coast, according to telegrams. Several albicare reached T wharf yesterday morning by way of the Yarmouth steamer and the Halifax boat brought in the first albicare of the season from there.

Although several schooners brought in sharks yesterday, they had hard work finding a market for them, for now that albicare is getting plentiful Italian buyers prefer this latter fish. The Chinese still purchase the sharks but in smaller quantities. Italian buyers are finding plenty of skates on the market just now, and whiting are also plentiful.

Boston Arrivals.

- The fares and prices in detail are:
- Sch. Mabel Bryson, 115 swordfish.
- Sch. Motor, 118 swordfish.
- Sch. Sylvester, 16 swordfish.
- Sch. Eva and Mildred, 10 swordfish.
- Sch. Nokomis, 79 swordfish.
- Sch. Diana, 8000 fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Athena, 50,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
- Sch. Joseph P. Johnson, 6000 haddock, 19,000 cod.
- Sch. Victor and Ethan, 34,000 haddock, 800 cod.
- Sch. Washaw, 26,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 5000 hake.
- Sch. Annie Perry, 18,000 haddock, 29,000 cod.
- Steamer Crest, 35,000 haddock.
- Sch. Marion, 3000 pollock.
- Sch. Eleanor DeCosta, 45,000 haddock, 16,000 cod.
- Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, 23,000 haddock, 16,000 cod, 9000 hake.
- Steamer Foam, 40,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
- Haddock, \$1 to \$1.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.50; market cod, \$3 to \$3.50; pollock, \$4.50; hake, \$2.10 to \$2.25; swordfish, 7c lb., mackerel, 23c each.

Swordfishermen Had Hard Luck.

Numerous hard luck yarns were spun by the men of sch. Vesta when she reached T wharf Saturday after a week's trip to the banks in quest of swordfish. She brought in 46 good sized ones.

On Wednesday Fred Williams of the crew spiked a large sized swordfish and in return the monster poked his sword through the dory, almost swamping it. That afternoon Capt. O'Neil thought he would try his luck at a large fellow. He speared the fish and it promptly turned on him and attacked his dory. The sword plunged through the boat and came in contact with O'Neil's coat, making a good sized hole. An inch more and it would have pierced O'Neil's body.

On the following day a swordfish, while harpooned, darted around the schooner, the harpoon rope became twisted in the propeller shaft. The "stuffing box" was pulled out and the schooner began to leak.

Thoroughly discouraged, the captain headed his schooner homeward, but the little jinx was still on board, for in a squall the schooner lost part of her sails and rigging Friday.

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Picked Up Tender.

The little swordfishing sloop Freedom, bringing 10 swordfish, at T wharf today, towed in at Newport recently, a white tender, picked up 10 miles southeast of No Mans land. The tender, which was of a type used by large steam and sailing vessels, was bottom up when found, but had the oars and rudder inside, with the rope fender in place and the davit irons still attached, which led the men to believe she was washed off the stern of some large boat. The skipper of the Freedom advertised his find, but received no replies and brought the tender to Boston.